

such program is the Branching Out Program. This initiative gives youth in the community a chance to roll up their sleeves and work a garden, learning about plants from the garden to the table. Due to the tireless dedication of the Friends of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, programs like these enable community members to explore the natural beauty that lies in their own backyard.

Under the guidance of the Morris County Park Commission, its mission is to support and/or sponsor projects and educational programs that will provide opportunities to the public to expand their knowledge and enjoyment of horticulture and the natural world.

The Friends of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum is made up a dedicated group of men and women with a passion for horticultural and volunteerism. Though the Frelinghuysen Arboretum is their primary focus, the Friends also provide support to two other facilities within the Morris County Park Commission: Bamboo Brook Outdoor Education Center and the Willowood Arboretum.

It is with many great thanks to the Friends, that Morris County is able to offer such an invaluable resource to its citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Friends of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum on their Fortieth Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 714 on H.R. 2646. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE ON THEIR 25TH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL AT PENN'S LANDING

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Caribbean Festival Committee (CFC) on the occasion of their 25th Annual Caribbean Festival at Penn's Landing.

Since the Festival's inception, the CFC has focused on educating the Philadelphia region on the beauty and culture of the Caribbean and creating greater awareness of the significant contributions people of the Caribbean have made.

In addition to the cultural outreach and education the CFC and the Caribbean Festival provide, the CFC is dedicated to bettering their community. Proceeds obtained from annual events are used for a variety of charitable outlets. The CFC has used these proceeds to aid to hurricane victims and bereavement support in the Caribbean/American Community. Also, the CFC has awarded scholarships to Caribbean and Caribbean/American students attending two or four year colleges. To date, over 125 scholarships have been awarded to deserving students.

For 25 years, the Caribbean Festival Committee has been dedicated to educating the Philadelphia region on Caribbean culture, and providing outreach to the area's Caribbean/American community. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking the Caribbean Festival Committee for all they have done to improve and enrich the lives of many people in Philadelphia and beyond.

CONGRATULATING SABIC INNOVATIVE PLASTICS MOUNT VERNON FACILITY FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL POLLUTION PREVENTION ROUNDTABLE'S MVP2 PROJECT AWARD

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the SABIC Innovative Plastics facility in Mount Vernon, Indiana as recipient of the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable's MVP2 Project Award. SABIC Innovative Plastics is one of the largest producers of thermoplastics, glycols, methanol and fertilizers and this award is testament to its facilities dedication to pollution prevention.

The project garnering this award recovered and commercialized sodium nitrate. This initiative reduced water use by 19 million gallons and carbon dioxide generation by 10 million pounds for a combined savings of \$4.45 million annually.

I am proud to have the global headquarters of SABIC in our district and their commitment to environmental sustainability should be commended. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Mt. Vernon SABIC Innovative Plastics facility for receipt of the MVP2 Project Award.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF EASTERN OREGON AND HONOR FLIGHT OF PORTLAND, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 47 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, DC through Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and the newly created Honor Flight of Portland, Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the Nation's Capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Elmer Beickel, U.S. Navy; Hayes Bickford, U.S. Navy; John Cleveland, U.S. Navy; Charles Decker, U.S. Navy; Leon Devereaux, Jr., U.S. Navy; Melvin Elder, U.S. Navy; Robert Ervin, U.S. Navy; Roice Fulleton, U.S. Navy; Robert Heisey, U.S. Navy; Dale Herbert, U.S. Navy; James Ogle, U.S. Navy; Edward Rose, Jr., U.S. Navy; Willard Rudd, U.S. Navy; Cameron Seitz, U.S. Navy; Russell Williams, U.S. Navy; Glen Winkler, U.S. Navy; Peter McNab, U.S. Navy; Henry Campuzano, U.S. Army; Vyvyan Clift, U.S. Army; James

Dorgan, U.S. Army; Neil Farnham, U.S. Army; Howard Heimbuch, U.S. Army; James Howard, U.S. Army; Charles Keim, U.S. Army; Gerald Mattox, U.S. Army; William McClellan, U.S. Army; Elliott Preble, U.S. Army; Erwin Regan, U.S. Army; James Sehorn, U.S. Army; Darrell Thompson, U.S. Army; Donald Thompson, U.S. Army; Clayton Vincent, U.S. Army; Patsy Seaman, U.S. Women's Army Corps; Bernard Anderson, U.S. Army Air Forces; Lee Berry, Jr., U.S. Army Air Forces; T. Carl Juhl, U.S. Army Air Forces; Jack Lewis, U.S. Army Air Forces; Robert Marble, U.S. Army Air Forces; Frank Ramirez, U.S. Army Air Forces; Walter Seaman, U.S. Army Air Forces; Gilbert Sharp, U.S. Army Air Forces; Dewey Thomas, U.S. Army Air Forces; Delbert Stafford, U.S. Army Air Forces; Donald Foelker, U.S. Marine Corps; Charles Porter, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard; Wayne Carlson, U.S. Merchant Marine; Paul Kirk, U.S. Merchant Marine.

These 47 heroes join more than 63,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, DC to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, mariners and one Marine who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today. I will be hosting a special forum on Capitol Hill on Friday for these highly distinguished Americans, and I'm very eager to thank them all in person.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Portland, Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize Dick Tobiason, a U.S. Army veteran, and the Bend Heroes Foundation whose tireless work will result in over 100 WWII veterans from Oregon visiting the memorials and U.S. Capitol.

HONORING CAPTAIN B.G. "SHAKEY" HOLDER

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to honor the service of an outstanding public servant in the 24th Congressional District of Texas. Firefighter Captain B.G. "Shakey" Holder is a hardworking, family-oriented individual who has served the Irving area selflessly throughout his personal and professional life. Captain Holder is retiring after 56 years of public service with the city of Irving.

Captain Holder has been married to his wife, Virginia "Ginger" Holder, for 19 years. They have a wonderful family of five children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. His daughter, Cindy Jeffery, describes him as a man that "just gives to all."

"Shakey" joined the Irving Fire Department on December 1, 1955. Since then, he has become a well-respected officer who has mentored many young firefighters. Over the last 30 years, he has been assigned to two